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Applicant: SHIZUKA YAMAGUCHI ET AL

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Title: FUEL PUMP AND DIRECT FUEL INJECTION ENGINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND Claim 10 as follows:

10. A direct fuel injection engine comprising a cylinder; a piston reciprocally moving in said cylinder; a fuel injection means for directly injecting fuel into said cylinder; and a fuel pump for delivering said fuel to said fuel injection means, wherein said fuel pump is any one of the pumps described in claim 1.

(A copy of the marked-up version of amended Claim 10 is attached to this Preliminary Amendment).

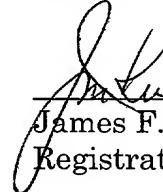
REMARKS

Entry of the amendment to the claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested. This claim has been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, L.L.P., Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket 381NP/50923).

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please amend Claim 10 as follows:

10. (AMENDED) A direct fuel injection engine comprising a cylinder; a piston reciprocally moving in said cylinder; a fuel injection means for directly injecting fuel into said cylinder; and a fuel pump for delivering said fuel to said fuel injection means, wherein said fuel pump is any one of the pumps described in claim[s] 1 [to 9].